

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A spot footing for securing a precast concrete or timber column to a foundation and/or for extending the column, said spot footing comprising [[a]] an unsymmetrical base plate (3) provided with a single mounting hole (7), and a cylindrical protective casing consisting of a closed unsymmetrical top plate (2), a side wall part (4, 6) having an opening (5) extending from the closed unsymmetrical top plate to the base plate, and two or more first anchor bars (1) secured to the top of the closed unsymmetrical top plate (2) and extending above the closed unsymmetrical top plate,

wherein the first anchor bars are arranged close to the center of the closed unsymmetrical top plate and thus close to a mounting hole line originating from the base plate,

the closed unsymmetrical top plate consists of a thicker force-transmitting part (2) and a thin protective part (2") extending downwardly of the thicker force-transmitting part (2),

the thin protective part is in the area of the side wall opening, is fittable against a column mold, and forms a sealing seal with the column mold preventing concrete from flowing into the casing,

the spot footing being configured and adapted to operate as a

load transmitting structure, and

the loads are transmitted via the two or more first anchor bars (1), the thicker force-transmitting part top plate part (2), the wall part (4, 6) and the base plate (3).

2. (currently amended) A spot footing according to claim 1, characterized in that one or more vertical second anchor bars (8) are secured to a back side of the side wall part (4) substantially on an axis of symmetry.

3. (previously presented) A spot footing according to claim 1, characterized in that the side walls (4, 6) of the protective casing are so shaped that, in respect of material strength, the center of gravity of the cross-section of the wall is located substantially at the center of the bolt hole (7).

4. (previously presented) A spot footing according to claim 1, characterized in that the hole (7) of the base plate (7) is elliptical.

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) A spot footing according to claim 1, characterized in that the first anchor bars are so disposed ~~[[in]]~~ on the closed unsymmetrical top plate that the first anchor bars are located substantially around the hole (7) of the base plate (3).

7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) A spot footing according to claim 2, characterized in that the one or more second vertical anchor bars (8) is/are secured by welding.

9. (new) A spot footing for securing a precast concrete or timber column to a foundation and/or for extending the column, said spot footing comprising an unsymmetrical base plate (3) provided with a single mounting hole (7), and a cylindrical protective casing consisting of an unsymmetrical top plate (2), a side wall part (4, 6) having an opening (5) extending from the top plate to the base plate, and two or more first anchor bars (1) secured to the top of the top plate (2) and extending above the top plate,

wherein the first anchor bars are arranged close to the center

of the top plate and thus close to a mounting hole line originating from the base plate,

the top plate consists of a thicker force-transmitting part (2) and a thin protective part (2") extending downwardly of the thicker force-transmitting part (2),

the top plate is provided with a single, round hole (9) located in alignment with the hole in the base plate (3), allowing the use of prestressing cables,

the thin protective part is in the area of the side wall opening, is fittable against a column mold, and forms a seal with the column mold preventing concrete from flowing into the casing,

the spot footing being configured and adapted to operate as a load transmitting structure, and

the loads are transmitted via the two or more first anchor bars (1), the thicker force-transmitting part top plate part (2), the wall part (4, 6) and the base plate (3).